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FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM FOREIGN POLICY PORTION OF SPEECH BY PM RAZAK ON MAR 22: QUOTE A REVIEW OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY UNDERTAKEN WHEN I ASSUMED OFFICE AS PRIME MINISTER LEAD TO A NUMBER OF CONCLUSIONS. FIRST, THAT REGIONALISM AND REGIONAL COOPERATION WOULD BE A CORNERSTONE OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY; SECOND THAT WE WOULD FOLLOW A FOREIGN POLICY OF STRICT NON-ALIGNMENT; THIRD WE WOULD SEEK FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH AS MANY COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE.

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OUR RELATION WITH OUR IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS ARE BETTER THAN

GOOD. MY OWN VISITS TO INDONESIA, THAILAND, SINGAPORE, AND ALSO BURMA, A GOOD FRIEND OF MALAYSIA, HAVE SHOWN HOW INTIMATE OUR TIES ARE. WE HAVE WORKED HARD TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF ASEAN, WHICH WE HOPE ONE DAY WILL EMBRACE THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF SOUTH-EAST ASIA. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTRAL SECRETARIAT OF ASEAN AT THE NEXT FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING IN JAKARTA IN MAY WILL BE AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN THE HISTORY OF ASEAN. BUT MORE THAN INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS, MORE THAN THE FORMAL INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF ASEAN IS THE SUCCESS OF ASEAN IN THE LAST FEW YEARS IN FORGING TOGETHER A SPIRIT OF REGIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND COHESION AMONG ITS MEMBERS.

OUR REGIONAL AND OUR NON-ALIGNED APPROACH TO FOREIGN RELATION FINDS ITS MOST SUCCINCT EXPRESSION IN THE PROPOSAL FOR THE NEUTRALIZATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. THE OFFICIALS OF THE FIVE ASEAN COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK IN GIVING FLESH TO THE BARE BONES OF THE DECLARATION ADOPTED IN KUALA LUMPUR IN NOV 1971. THEIR WORK WILL BECOME VERY IMPORTANT WHEN THE POLITICAL CONDITIONS ARE RIPE FOR THE REALIZATION OF THE PROPOSAL.

WE ARE STRICTLY NON-ALIGNED. OUR NON-ALIGNED POLICY SHOWS ITSELF ABOVE ALL ELSE, IN OUR RELATIONS WITH CHINA. TODAY WE ENJOY GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION. WE WERE A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE RIGHT OF THE PRC TO HER SEAT AT THE UN. THE LAST THREE YEARS HAVE ALSO SEEN THE EXCHANGE OF TRADE DELEGATIONS AS WELL AS CULTURAL AND SPORTING DELEGATIONS BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND CHINA. WE HAVE THEREFORE DONE MUCH TO BREAK DOWN THE BARRIER OF MISUNDERSTANDING AND MISAPPREHENSION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES. I AM HAPPY TO SAY THAT OUR DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT IN A FRIENDLY AND CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE AND THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED SOON. WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PRC AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE WILL HAVE BEEN REACHED IN OUR HISTORY. IT SETS THE SEAL TO OUR NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN POLICY, TO OUR NEUTRALIZATION PROPOSAL, AND TO THE WISH WE HAVE OFTEN ARTICULATED, THAT IS TO BE FRIENDLY WITH ALL COUNTRIES IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR IDEOLOGY OF SOCIAL SYSTEM ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND NON-INTERFERENCE. THE PATTERN OF OUR RELATIONS HAS THEREFORE BEEN SET BY THE CHARACTERISTICS OF OUR COUNTRY: OUR LOCATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA,

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OUR HISTORICAL TIES IN THE COMMONWEALTH, THE NATURE OF OUR RICHLY ENDOWED AND RAPIDLY INDUSTRIALIZING ECONOMY, OUR NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN POLICY, AND OUR IDENTIFY AS A MUSLIM COUNTRY.

END QUOTE.

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